

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
January 3, 2022

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk of Council read the roll. Mr. Camp, Mr. Daily, Ms. Downs, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Westmark, Mayor Donnellon. Ms. Downs motioned to excuse Ms. Westmark. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

Presentation

Library: Update Natalie Fields

Ms. Fields stated that the library's grand opening was a success with lots of people visiting, which is more than the old location. The library staff and the community are very excited about this new space.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Camp motioned to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Feldhaus. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – Jennifer Creech – 3853 Matson Avenue – Ms. Creech stated that she moved to Deer Park a little over a year ago from Missouri. One of her neighbors has 11 dogs on their property. The barking is causing a disturbance as Ms. Creech can hear the dogs inside her house, even when they are in her neighbor's house. Discussion ensued.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee *Chairman Chris Westmark

December 2021 JEDZ

Mayor Donnellon read the December JEDZ report.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE 10-MILL LIMITATION EQUAL TO 6.90 RENEWAL MILLS FOR FIVE YEARS AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THERE WITH

Mayor Donnellon asked the clerk to read Resolution 2022-01 by title only. So read. Mr. Kelly motioned for adoption of Resolution 2022-01. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Mr. Kelly – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes. Motion carried.

HB218 COVID Issues; Bryan Pacheco

Mr. Pacheco announced the Ohio House passed HB218 and the Senate will now consider the bill related to vaccine mandates. Discussion ensued.

Safety Committee *Chairman Tom Camp

Mr. Camp announced there is no Safety Committee report this evening.

Public Works Committee *Chairman Kathy Downs

Mr. Jetter announced that he has a meeting on Wednesday with the engineer to apply for funds for phase 2 of Blue Ash Road.

Park Board Committee *Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus reported that there will be an event on February 19 at the Community Center with horse racing, a lucky loser drawing and split the pot. The starting time is either 7:00 or 7:30 pm and is TBA. The Party in the Park is in the works for the 2022 season and the schedule will be announced soon with posters. Mr. Camp thanked our Park Board and Mayor Donnellon for putting up the holiday decorations which were recently being taken down.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous - None

New Business

Kathy Downs Discussion on Possible Dog Ordinance Limiting Number of Dogs

Ms. Downs led a discussion regarding a recent report of dogs barking at a residence on Matson Avenue. Ms. Downs spoke with Lt. McCormick, Mr. Jetter and Mr. Pacheco and found out that currently Deer Park only has an ordinance for barking disturbances and not on the number of dogs that can be on one's property. There is a Hamilton County kennel license that is required for every 5 dogs and each dog must have their own license each year from January through December. A list was given to council to review of other cities that have ordinances. The city of Hamilton has one that limits homes to a total of 5 dogs and cats in all which council may want to use as an example with an added rule regarding litters. Mr. Jetter stated he will have the police contact animal control to check on licensing or kennel operator's permit. Mr. Kelly inquired on whether any other residents have complained to the police about the home in question. Discussion ensued.

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor – Mr. Pacheco wished all a Happy New Year.

City Manager – Mr. Jetter stated he is looking for three more residences on Plainfield from St. John's Terrace to Superior Avenue for places to include public Wi-Fi. City Council's planning session is scheduled for Saturday January 29. We are looking at building townhomes on Blue Ash Road from Matson to Schenk on the railroad track side. There is a mask rule for the city building again. Lt. Farmer, on third shift, is currently out due to illness. We have not had applications for public employees.

Mayor – Mayor Donnellon wished everyone a Happy New Year and wished the Cincinnati Bengals good luck and congratulations on making the playoffs.

Schedule

January 17, 2022 Martin Luther King Day City Offices Closed

January 18, 2022 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

January 29, 2022 Strategic Planning Session from 8 till noon Community Center

Community Events

Civil Service Exams

Patrolman Application Closes Friday January 21, 2022 4:00 pm

Police Officer Eligible List – Tuesday January 25, 2022 7:00 pm – (Community Center)

Police Lieutenant Eligible List – Thursday February 17, 2022 7:00 pm – (Council Chambers)

Adjournment

Mr. Kelly motioned to adjourn. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

John Donnellon
Mayor

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council